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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFIC

In Re Application of

Hamada et al.

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For: Semiconductor Device And Method

Of Manufacturing The Same

Art Unit: 2823

Examiner: F. Toledo

Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

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ELECTION

Sir:

TECHNOLOGY CENTER 2800 In response to the Restriction Requirement of January 21, 2003, Applicants elect to prosecute Group II: Claims 49-198 in the above-identified application.

The Examiner has also issued a species restriction. In response, Applicants elect to prosecute Species I which is believed to be readable on Claims 49-114 and 119-178 in the above-identified application.

Applicants are making this election without prejudice to later filing a divisional application on the non-elected claims and/or species.

Respectfully submitted,

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